(x) All personnel, like Government employees, teachers, health personnel would be sensitized to the importance of diversity and social inclusion.

(xi) Civil Rights Centres will be opened in universities, beginning with Central universities.

(xii) A High Level Committee has been constituted to review the Delimitation Act and the concerns expressed by the Sachar Committee regarding anomalies in the representation of Muslims will be considered in the course of this review.

(xiii) It has been decided in principle to set up an Equal Opportunity Commission (EOC) to look into grievances regarding discrimination. An expert group will study and recommend its structure and functions.

(xiv) In order to promote diversity and social inclusion in educational institutions, work places and living spaces, an expert group will be constituted to propose an appropriate "diversity index". Such an index can be the basis for providing incentives for better representation in all three areas mentioned above.

(xv) A National Data Bank (NDB) and an autonomous Assessment and Monitoring Authority (AMA) will be set up which will analyse the data so generated and suggest appropriate policies to Government on a continuous basis.

Unrecognised Diplomas and Degrees

*37. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many institutes are imparting training and issuing diplomas and degrees for technical courses such as marine engineering, etc. which are not recognised by appropriate authorities;

(b) if so, how many such cases have come to light during the last two years;

(c) the action taken to stop such practices at the time when these institutes advertise their courses in newspapers, etc. so that they do not play with the career prospects of students; and

(d) whether his Ministry would initiate public interest awareness campaign in media to save candidates from falling prey to such institutes?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), is mandated by an Act of Parliament to ensure co-ordinated and integrated development of technical and management education and maintenance of standards throughout the country. As per records available with the AICTE, 273 institutions were found to be conducting technical education programmes without AICTE approval.

The AICTE has issued show cause notices to such technical institutions as to why action should not be taken against them for conducting the unapproved courses. The

AICTE has also issued a Public Notice in the leading New Papers, informing students and the general public about the consequences of taking admissions in the unapproved technical institutions and has also advised the institutions imparting technical education without AICTE approval, to obtain necessary approvals or close down the unapproved courses with immediate effect. In addition, a list of such unapproved institutions has also been published on the AICTE website www.aicte.ernet.in for the information of the students and the general public.

Based on the responses received from the institutions, necessary action is being taken by the AICTE on case to case basis.

Expenditure for protection against malnutrition

†*38. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent to protect the children from malnutrition during the last five years and the outcome thereof;

(b) the details of the report of National Family Health Survey-3 and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether 10.49 crore children are being provided supplementary nutrition, as per the survey register of Anganwadi Kendras whereas only 5.43 crore children have actually been provided supplementary nutrition; and

(d) if so, whether Government would make any change in this scheme to ensure that all the children get supplementary nutrition and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVLEOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Till the year 2004-05, Supplementary Nutrition, which is one of the services provided under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, was the exclusive responsibility of the State Governments. However, from the year 2005-06, the Government of India has been providing central assistance to States for Supplementary Nutrition also to the extent of 50% of the cost norms or 50% of the actual expenditure incurred by the States, whichever is less.

The amount spent under ICDS during the last five years is as under

(Rupees in lakhs)

Year	ICDS Scheme	Supplementary Nutrition
2002-03	150497.71	–
2003-04	145867.51	–
2004-05	172654.87	–
2005-06	229940.10	97458.55
2006-07	269138.48	151920.57

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi